

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in tremendous esteem those young Show-Me State residents who have bettered themselves and their communities through the challenges and opportunities available to them in the Boy Scouts of America program; and

**Whereas**, Christopher Michael Mejia of Troop 975 in St. Charles, Missouri, entered Scouting seven years ago; and

**Whereas**, Chris has enjoyed considerable success in his illustrious sojourn by completing all of the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life ranks, and by serving his Troop in such leadership posts as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Bugler, and Patrol Leader; and

**Whereas**, Chris engaged in a rigorous hike through the mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico, for which he served as Chaplain; earned the World Conservation Award; became an Ordeal member of Order of the Arrow; and attended three summer camps, Extreme Scouting St. Louis Jamboree, Junior Leadership Training, and Food For Scouting activities; and

**Whereas**, in addition to fulfilling the requirements for twenty-three Merit Badges, Chris followed through with the Scouting tradition of completing an Eagle Project by using one-inch-thick red oak boards to build two three-foot by three-foot literature racks with adjustable and permanent dividers for placement on the walls of the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary of Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles to house church information on various programs and missions of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church for visitors and new members; and

**Whereas**, Chris will receive his well-deserved Eagle Medallion at a Court of Honor on Thursday, February 13, 2003:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute new Eagle Scout Christopher Mejia and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon joining the select group of Boy Scouts who attain Scouting's highest achievement award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to new Eagle Scout Christopher Michael Mejia, beloved son of Samuel and Kathy Mejia.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Dempsey  
District No. 18

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 244, adopted February 4, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker